PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Jodi Traylor

Congratulations! The Central Alabama Chapter of IIE has received the Silver Award for the 2003 Chapter Recognition Program. The Chapter Activity Report (CAR) measures 5 categories of progress and improvement: Chapter Plans and Operations; Chapter Programs; Membership Communications, Growth and Retention; Student Outreach and Community Affairs; Membership, Chapter, and Institute Support.

Along those same lines, the Lean Manufacturing Seminar was a huge success, as well. We were very fortunate to have four fantastic speakers that provided an abundance of knowledge and expertise on Lean Manufacturing. Dr. J. T. Black from Auburn University taught us about the Secrets of the TPS (What Toyota Doesn’t Tell You). Dr. Robert Batson from the University of Alabama spoke on Maintenance Implications of Lean Manufacturing. Mr. Kenneth Sullivan, P.E., from University of Alabama in Huntsville presented background and a case study on Value Stream Mapping, and Dr. Steve Hunter from Mississippi State University talked about Lean Manufacturing and Ergonomics. Through the speakers, we learned about the background, design, maintenance implications, ergonomic aspects, tools that can be used, design, and implementation of Lean Manufacturing. Thanks again to the speakers; they did an excellent job!

The last two scheduled programs for the 2003-2004 year are in April. On (Continued on page 2)
MEET THE SPEAKERS

Charlie Burke
Amerex Corporation

Charlie Burke is Industrial Engineering Manager with Amerex Corporation in Trussville, Alabama. Amerex is ranked "Number 1" as the leader in Designing and Manufacturing Fire Extinguishers and Fire Detection/Suppression Systems. Charlie has been with Amerex for twenty one years. Previously, he worked for Pullman-Standard, Conners Steel and Electrical Equipment Company.

Charlie will be speaking at the Auburn University student night on "Getting and Keeping a Job" in Today's Economy". This presentation is a manager's view of the necessary "conditioning" and "preparation" to "get employed" and "stay employed" in our changing business climate. He will review the Resume' Process, Networking, Alternate Job Sources, Research, "Interview Psychology" and "Trade Tricks" to get an offer. Also, Charlie will share his experience and advise on "Thinking In and Out of the Box" to stay employed. Charlie will also provide an Amerex Fire Extinguisher "Door Prize" for one "Lucky" student.

Nathan Reamey
Vulcan Painters, Inc.

Nathan Reamey is a 2001 graduate of the University of Alabama's Industrial Engineering program. After completing his undergraduate degree, Nathan went on to graduate school and graduated in the spring of 2003 with his MBA from Alabama. While working on his MBA, he worked at the Alabama Productivity Center as an engineering and management consultant and assisted small and medium-sized companies in central Alabama with various improvement projects. Nathan now works for Vulcan Painters, Inc. where he coordinates the ISO 9001 Quality System and continuous improvement projects for the Pipe Division.

Nathan will be the guest speaker for the University of Alabama student night on Tuesday, April 13.

IIE Annual Conference

May 15-19, 2004, Hilton - Americas, Houston, TX

Register by April 2 and save more than $250. See www.iienet.org/annual/.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Dr. Gary Moynihan has recently been elected as the Regional Vice President of IIE for Region 3. Region 3 encompasses many chapters in the southeast. Dr. Moynihan is currently a professor at the University of Alabama and is a member of the Central Alabama chapter of IIE. Congratulations, Dr. Moynihan!!!

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April 6th, Charlie Burke from Amerex is speaking at Auburn University’s Student Night on “Getting and Keeping a Job in Today’s Economy.” Nathan Reamey will be speak at the University of Alabama’s Student Night on April 13th. At the joint meetings, our chapter recognizes an IIE Outstanding Student at each school. This year’s recipients are Beth DeMaioribus from Auburn and Brian Woods from Alabama.

Lastly, nominations for officers are still being accepted. Please let me know if you are interested or would like to nominate someone. The Chapter would appreciate your help!

Hope to see everyone at the Auburn University and University of Alabama Student Nights!
JOB OPENING

Senior Industrial Engineer – TX

Client Highlights:
Our client, one of the largest and fastest growing distributors of food and general merchandise products in the country, has an immediate need for a Senior Industrial Engineer in their corporate headquarters. Our client delivers food and non-food products to various retailers across the nation. Our client operates more than 30 DC’s across the country and employs 13,000 people in the United States. This position is both strategic and tactical in nature as this role is essential for continuing strong improvements in operational efficiencies. The right individual would be responsible for the optimal performance of the distribution systems and how they affect the operations of the Division. This requires a working relationship with the members of the operating divisions’ management teams. The systems that are supported include an extensive, RF-based warehouse management system, a Damage and Returns System, strategic planning and profiling systems, paperless picking systems, and productivity tracking systems.

Responsibilities:

1. Develop and implement efficient distribution and order fulfillment processes to support business needs.
2. Develop all associated elements to implement efficient process such as layouts, workstations, material handling systems, systems, etc.
3. Develop material handling specifications, manage vendor bid process, and evaluate bids.
4. Work with vendors and internal Information Systems personnel to develop efficient order and manpower management software specifically associated with conveyor sortation systems as well as other automated solutions associated with selection and other internal DC operations.
5. Ensure that projects are implemented on time, under budget and achieve stated performance objectives.
6. Prepare engineered labor standards for distribution centers utilizing MOST software. Support miscellaneous department and division special projects.

Required Qualifications:

1. BS degree in industrial engineering. Other related degrees with applicable experience would be considered.
2. 5+ years of experience managing large-scale conveyor system implementations, especially those using high-speed sortation, customized software, and a variety of selection methodologies.
3. Experience analyzing miscellaneous warehouse data, conducting ‘pre-award’ due diligence, warehouse design, evaluating SKU volume and storage media as it relates to design, etc...
4. Outstanding organizational skills, detailed, professional, and timely; Excellent written and verbal skills; analytical yet creative
5. MS Excel, MS Access, and MS Project are highly desired, Experience with simulation software would be a differentiator
6. Ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously

If you are interested in this position, please call Helgi Thor Leja at 770-643-9990 or send email to helgi@peoplesourcesolutions.com. Please mention that Brian DeHuff referred you.

Joke of the Month

There was a man driving around in his Mercedes through the countryside, and spots a field of grazing sheep. He stops his car and walks up to the shepherd and says, "I'll make a deal with you. I will guess how many sheep you've got in this field, and if I guess right, I get to take one of the sheep home with me. If I guess wrong, you get to keep my car."

The shepherd thinks for a moment and finally agrees.

"137," says the driver.

"You're right!" says the shepherd, and dutifully hands over the sheep.

The man begins to walk away, and the shepherd stops him. "Now I've got a deal for you. If I can guess what you do for a living, I get to keep your car. If I'm wrong, you can have all my sheep."

"That's a deal," says the driver.

"You're a consultant," says the shepherd.

The man was dumbfounded as he handed over his keys. "How did you know?"

"Easy," says the shepherd. "You come here uninvited, you tell me something I already know, then you charge me for it."

Membership Report

No New Members or Transfers

Chapter 9  Region 3

Membership = 62
CHAPTER GOALS
2003/2004

Provide Interesting Programs with Learning Opportunities
Increase Meeting Attendance and Participation
Increase Membership by 5 Members each year
Support Student Chapters
Provide Networking Opportunities for Members
Participate in the Chapter Recognition Program and Newsletter Competition

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PROGRAMS
2003/2004

October 16, 2003
Blue Bell Creameries Plant Tour
Sylacauga, AL

January 15, 2004
Mercedes Plant Tour
Vance, AL

February 25, 2004
Lean Mfg Mini-Conference
Birmingham, AL

April 6, 2004
Auburn Student Night

April 13, 2004
UA Student Night